

REMARKS

The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Nguyen for a careful review of the present application and greatly appreciate the claims allowance. Consideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks, which are responsive to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2006.

Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-15, 19, 20, and 28-31 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 28, 30, and 31 are the independent claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 16-18, and Claims 21-27 were withdrawn prior to the present amendment in connection with a restriction requirement. In the interest of expediting allowance of the entire application to receive a patent grant, Claims 16-18 and 21-27 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 3, 5, 6, 14, 19, and 30 have been amended to address minor grammatical issues, with the amendment of Claim 14 being responsive to an informality objection raised by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2006. The Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for consideration of the amendments and remarks presented by this paper. It is believed that this response places the application in condition for allowance. Such action is courteously requested. If there are any issues that can be resolved with an Examiner's Amendment or a telephone conference, a telephone call to the undersigned at 404.572.3486 in Atlanta, Georgia is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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